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MEMORANDUM TO: CIA Librarian

THROUGH: Assistant Director for Collection & Dissemination

SUBJECT: Reference, Facilities, Needs and Assets of USIA

REFERENCES: (a) IAC-D-82 dated 23 April 1954
(b) USIAS-M-7, dated 28 April 1954
(copy attached)

1. As you know from our informal conversations, and as detailed in reference (a), a survey of the intelligence needs of USIA is currently being conducted. In the course of that survey an interview was recently held with the Chief of the Research and Library Branch of The International Broadcasting Service in New York. A resume of that interview is contained in reference (b).

2. It would be appreciated if you would review reference (b) in the light of reference (a) and in the light of CIA library's assets and requirements. The following initial questions come to mind:

a. Are you sufficiently aware of IBS's holdings? If not, would you wish to survey them (having in mind that the IBS will move to Washington before year end)?

b. Are you aware of IBS's sources, particularly the [REDACTED] contact? If not, would you consider it worthwhile to pursue this matter?

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c. What are the possibilities of OCD services to IBS when the latter moves to Washington?

3. Other interviews have taken place with the Washington components of the USIA, notably with the International Press Services. The survey team is in the process of establishing the needs of IPS as well as the needs of IBS. As these needs are better identified, questions will no doubt arise as to what facilities comparable to those maintained by OCD will be necessary in USIA and its major components to carry through their programs. The survey will be calling upon you and your staff for assistance as these questions become more clear.

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